

Quantitative Benefits

In addition to the qualitative benefits the airport provides, a recent study quantified the economic impacts of the airport to the local community. As shown in the adjacent table, the total economic impact of the airport includes on- and off-airport businesses, visitor spending, and the spin-off effects of those impacts.

On-airport impacts represent economic activities that would not occur if the airport did not exist. They include payroll, operating and capital expenditures made by the airport, airlines, FBO's, maintenance facilities, ground transportation, etc.

Off-airport impacts represent financial transactions that occur primarily off-airport and are associated with visitor spending. These expenditures may include items such as lodging, food, entertainment, and retail purchases.

Spin-off impacts are calculated using impact multipliers, which are used to reflect the recycling of dollars through the economy.

Direct Economic Impacts			Spin-Off Economic Impacts
On-Airport	Off-Airport		
FAA, Other Government Airport Management Aircraft Maintenance Vendors Retail & Restaurant Car Rental Parking Other Ground Transportation Fixed Base Operators	<u>Visitor Dependent Businesses</u> Hotels Retail & Restaurants Travel Agents Convention Centers Tourist Destinations	Suppliers of Materials & Services to Airports, Air Dependent Businesses and Visitor Dependent Businesses <u>Responding of Worker Income</u> Consumer Product and Service Sales	5 Jobs \$93,000 in Payroll \$281,000 in Economic Activity
4 Jobs \$97,000 in Payroll \$235,000 in Economic Activity	3 Jobs \$35,000 in Payroll \$94,000 in Economic Activity	12 Jobs, \$225,000 in Wages, \$610,000 in Economic Activity	

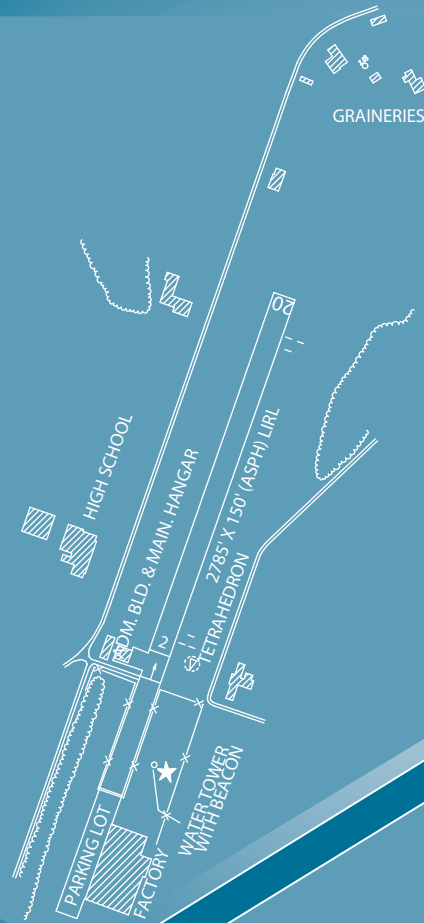
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An Assessment of Economic Impacts

AIRPORT LAYOUT

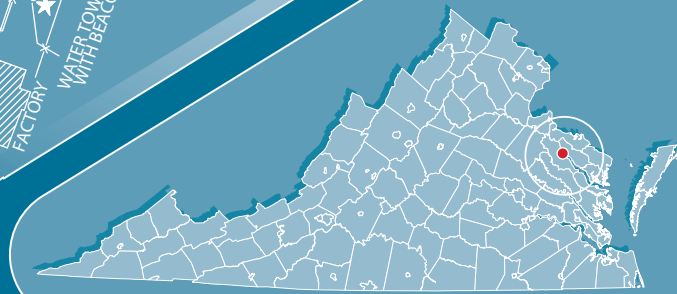


Tappahannock Municipal Airport (W79) is located 1 mile west of Tappahannock, in Essex County. Services and activities offered at the airport include fuel, flight training, aircraft rental, aerial tours, and pilot supplies.

Qualitative Benefits

The airport has been called the "Gateway to the Northern Neck" and its close proximity to the Rappahannock River is advantageous for visitors. Local restaurants such as Lowery's attract visitors from across the region. The airport is also a gateway for the Urbanna Oyster Festival, which draws hundreds of visitors every year.

Local points of interest besides the Rappahannock River and local restaurants include Naylor's Beach, Rappahannock Community College, Stratford Hall (Robert E. Lee's birthplace), Mary Ball Washington Museum, and antique stores.



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